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**V A L I A N T M E N O F E N N E S K I L L I N G,**  
Under the Command of Colonel **T H O M A S L L O Y D,**  
On the Twenty fourth of *September*, 1689

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In a Letter from *Holyhead* to a Friend at *London*.

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**J**Ust now here is Arrived a Gentleman from his Grace Duke *Schomberg*, who left the Camp on *Saturday* last, being the 28<sup>th</sup> of *September*, and Embarked on Board the *Fanfan*, a small Ship of his Majesties, of Six Guns, Captain *Pottinger* Commander, a Valiant Man; he arrived safe at *Hollyhead* on *Monday* Morning, and brings this Account, That he left the Army in very good heart, and that he did not know Twenty Sick men in the Camp, and that they were full of Courage, and willing to Fight the Enemy whenever the General thought fit to command them to fall on, and that they were Encamped very near the *Irish* Army; that the Scouts did sometimes meet each other, his Grace the Duke of *Schomberg* quartering in my Lady *Dungannon's* House, and most of the Officers in the Town of *Dundalk*. The Artillery is arrived safely in the Camp, and Commissary *Shales* with the rest of the Stores and Provisions; so that now all things are very plenty in the Army, having two Months Bread beforehand, and all necessaries. My Lord *Hewet's* and Collonel *Villar's* Regiments of Horse are safe there, so that they only waited for Sir *John Lanier's*, Colonel *Langston's* Horse, and Colonel *Heyford's* Dragoons, and the *Danes* which they daily expected, the Winds having proved very fair this Four days, and then they did not question but with Gods assistance to give a good Account of the *Irish* Army, and to take *Dublin* for Winter Quarters. Those of the *Irish* Army that dare be so bold as

to see what posture the *English* are in, are commonly made to retire fast, then they come on, often paying dear for their rashness. He likewise gives an Account of a wonderful Victory obtained by the *Inniskilling* Men, under the Command of that Renowned Champion Colonel *Thomas Lloyd*, who have so often tryed their *Irish* Mettal, and finding it to be of so base an Alloy, fears not to meet them upon any terms. For the *Irish* understanding that the *Inniskilling* Men having joyn'd the Royal Army with Seventeen Troops of Horse, One Regiment of Dragoons, and two Regiments of Foot, and having likewise sent a Body of Men to Garrison *Sligo* which they had so Cowardly deserted upon the last Defeat, thought now they had them secure; whereupon there was a Detachment drawn out of Five Thousand under the Command of Colonel *O. Kelly*, who not only intended to make a prey of this remnant of Brave men, but thereby to secure all the Cattle of that part of the Countrey for the Late King *James's* use. And accordingly having marched as far as *Boyle*, in order to prosecute their Design, which the *Inniskilling* Men scorning to be abridged of their Liberty, resolved to give them the meeting; and thereupon drew out their whole Force, and marched twenty Miles to find them out and fight them, knowing that all Victory is to be attributed to God alone, and that he is able to save by a few. Now *Boyle* is a Place strongly situate, and the *Irish* Army were advantageously posted, yet Colonel *Lloyd*, and the rest of the Officers drew up their men in such good Order, and being such extraordinary Marks-Men, that not a man in ten misses his man, fell on with that Courage, that after the Slaughter of between seven or eight hundred of the Enemy, with the Loss of the *Irish* General *O. Kelly*, the rest began to run, so that our Army had the Pursuit of them for five or six Miles, taking three or four hundred Prisoners, with three Colonels more, to wit, Colonel *Dillon*, my Lady *Tyrconnel's* Son-in-law, Colonel *Boark*, Colonel *Ferall*. This great Victory was obtained with the loss of very few men on our side; and thereby we have got a vast Booty of Cattel, as is believed, eight or nine hundred Head of black Cattel, and a whole Country at our Command. The General was very well pleased, and rewarded the Gentleman that brought him the News, and was in the Action. This Battel was fought the 24<sup>th</sup>. of this last Month: Our Men were not above five hundred when we began the Fight. He also gives account by Deserters, that at *Dublin* there is a Proclamation prohibiting the Importation of *English* and *Scotch* Coal, and that *Dublin* Streets were pestered with Turf, as it used to be with Butter-milk. Those Boats that used to go for *Wickloe*, many of them by that means transporting Protestants, the rest were ordered to be drawn up, and none suffered to pass; that the Commissioners of the Revenue have been fully imployed in setting Leases, and restoring to the old Popish Proprietors, very good Bargains being to be had, Land being sold at Sixpence an Acre, and at three years purchase, if ready money be paid down for it, with a Promise of better Penyworths to their Souldiers in *England* when conquered.

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